



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, recognizing that increasing survivability after mass casualty events must become a national priority, the American College of Surgeons joined with a group of organized first responders to frame an improved response system. An integrated response specified in the acronym THREAT (Threat suppression, Hemorrhage control, Rapid Extrication to safety, Assessment by medical providers, and Transport to definitive care). A focus of the use of kits containing tourniquets and hemostatic dressings on the one hand and better coordination between law enforcement and medical teams in the triage of their efforts on the other. Along with the organized first responders of law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire/rescue services, the public should be trained in the techniques of hemorrhage control with a focus on the use of tourniquets, pressure dressings and hemostatic agents until transport and definitive treatment can be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2017, members of the Pelham Police Department's Emergency Services Unit attended the "Basic Control Bleeding Course" presented by personnel from the UAB Acute Care Surgery and Special Operations Proficiency Training Division. As a result of this training and their instructor certifications, they have been able to teach these principles to civilians and help prevent deaths. As of March 2019, the unit's members have participated in training over 1100 people throughout Pelham, Shelby County, and the State of Alabama. This number includes 350 teachers, students, and faculty of the Pelham City School System, and

WHEREAS, NSTBM is a nationwide effort to increase awareness of the American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed (STB) program. Our goal is to connect Bleeding Control instructors with interested citizens throughout the month of May 2019 and specifically on May 23rd during the American College of Emergency Physician's EMS week. and

WHEREAS, the Stop The Bleed initiative began as an awareness to control bleeding in the event of an emergency, as hemorrhage is the leading cause of preventable death in the pre-hospital environment. While the Hartford Consensus and Stop the Bleed resolution described a need for bystander STB training, National Stop the Bleed Month campaign seized on this consensus and put it into action, providing STB familiarization and training to increase survivability in these situations; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the dedication of all the professionals from the Pelham Police Department Emergency Services Unit as well as the UAB Acute Care Surgery and Special Operations Proficiency Training Divisions to broaden and strengthen the knowledge and care of all residents of this city, county, and state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Waters, by virtue and authority vested in me by me as the Mayor of the City of Pelham, Shelby County, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019, with remembrance to May 23rd, as

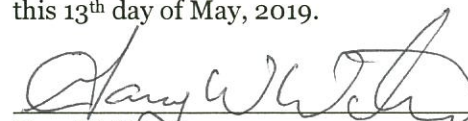
NATIONAL STOP THE BLEED MONTH

In Pelham, Alabama.

FURTHERMORE, encouragement to all Pelham residents and businesses for continued respect and honor for all first responders in the service they provided. May we remain a community that reaches out with compassion and action to our fellow neighbors.



Given under my hand,
in the City of Pelham, Alabama
this 13th day of May, 2019.


Gary W. Waters
Mayor